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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, May 1, 1995, at 12:30 p.m.

Senate

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 1995

(Legislative day of Monday, April 24, 1995)

The Senate met at 10:30 a.m., on the expiration of the recess, and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Our prayer this morning will be delivered by the Reverend Dr. T. Warren Moorhead, of the First Baptist Church of Trion, GA.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain, the Reverend Dr. T. Warren Moorhead, offered the following prayer:

May we pray:

Holy God, You are almighty, You alone are holy. As Lord of the universe, Sovereign Ruler of nations and men, and Holy Redeemer of the unborn, the living, and the dead, we join this Senate today confessing our unworthiness in Your presence. You are total love. Through the example of Your son, You taught us to love one another and to reach out to our neighbor, as well as our enemy. But too often we have been consumed by our own selfish concerns. Why must it take, O God, a tragedy as occurred last week to shock our Nation into realizing the potential evil inherent in every man's heart and our ultimate hopelessness without the manifestation of Your love in each of us through Your son, Jesus Christ.

You are God and we are but persons of clay. We begin this congressional day by acknowledging Your power and requesting Your guidance in all deliberations. Holy Father, give the Members of this body not only the wisdom to know right but also the courage to

do what is right. The Members of this Chamber are accountable to the people of these United States but ultimately to You. Psalms 72 reminds us that You, God, give rulers Your justice that they may judge Your people with righteousness, Your poor with compassion, that they may defend the cause of the destitute, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor. Lord, may You give to the esteemed men and women of this sacred Chamber the willingness to cooperate with You in promoting justice and righteousness, establishing peace and tranquility across our troubled land. May we strive for the day when peace covers the Earth as water covers the sea.

Holy God, today, great pressures will be brought to bear on the men and women of this room. Remind them now that You allowed the people to elect them because of their inner strengths that will protect them from outside pressures. May the words of their mouths, the meditations of their hearts, and the actions of their hands be acceptable in Your sight this day. In Jesus' name I ask this. Amen.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The distinguished Senator from Georgia is recognized.

Mr. COVERDELL. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SANTORUM). Without objection, it is so ordered.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, leadership time is reserved.

COMMONSENSE PRODUCT LIABILITY AND LEGAL REFORM ACT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of H.R. 956, which the clerk will report.

The bill clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 956) to establish legal standards and procedures for product liability litigation, and for other purposes.

Pending:

(1) Gorton amendment No. 596, in the nature of a substitute.

(2) Abraham amendment No. 597 (to amendment No. 596) to provide for equity in legal fees.

(3) Hollings amendment No. 598 (to amendment No. 597) to establish a limitation on attorneys' fees in all civil actions to \$50 per hour.

(4) Gorton (for Brown) amendment No. 599 (to amendment No. 596) to restore to rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure the restrictions on frivolous legal actions that existed prior to 1994.

The Senate resumed consideration of the bill.

Mr. GORTON. Mr. President, is there a pending amendment?

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